

Cahto language

Cahto (also spelled **Kato**) is an extinct Athabaskan language that was formerly spoken by the Kato people of the Laytonville and Branscomb area at the head of the South Fork of the Eel River. It is one of the four languages belonging to the *California Athabaskan* cluster of the Pacific Coast Athabaskan languages. Most Kato speakers were bilingual in Northern Pomo and some also spoke Yuki.

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Phonology

Consonants

	Labial	Dental	Alveolar	Post-alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Glottal
Nasal	[m] <div>m</div>		[n] n			[ŋ] ñ		
Stop	[b] b	[tʰ] t [tʰ] t' [d] d	[ts] ts [tsʰ] ts'		Before front vowel <div>[cʰ] k [cʰ] k' [j] g</div>	Before back vowel <div>[kʰ] k [kʰ] k' [g] g</div>	[k] ~ [q] q	[ʔ] ʔ
Affricate			[tʃ] L	[tʃʰ] tc [tʃʰ] tc' [dʒ] dj		[kʷ] kw [kʷ] kw'		
Fricative			[s] s [z] z [ʃ] L	[ʃ] c [ʒ] j		[χ] G		[h] h
Approximant			[ɹ] l		[j] y	[w] w [w] w		

Cahto has 26 consonant phonemes and 30 phones.

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back	Diphthong
High	[i(:)] ī	[ɪ] i ~ [ʊ] û	[u(:)] ū	
High-Mid	[e(:)] ē	[e] ε ~ [ə] ẹ	[o(:)] ō	
Low-Mid	[e] ε ~ [ə] ẹ		[ʌ] ǣ ~ [a] a	
Low	[a(:)] ā, [ʌ] ǣ ~ [a] a			

Cahto has 9 vowel phonemes (including the diphthong) and 12 phones.

Kato	
Cahto	
Native to	United States
Region	California (Eel River)
Ethnicity	Cahto people
Extinct	1960s ^[1]
Language family	<div>Dené–Yeniseian? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Na-Dené<ul style="list-style-type: none">Athabaskan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pacific Coast Athabaskan<ul style="list-style-type: none">California Athabaskan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kato</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ktw
Glottolog	kato1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kato1244) ^[2]

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External links

- Kato language (<http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/~survey/languages/kato.php>) overview at the Survey of California and Other Indian Languages
- Kato Language (Cahto) (<http://www.native-languages.org/kato.htm>), nativelanguages.org
- The Cahto ("Kato") Language (<http://www.turtlenodes.com/calath/caindex.html>)
- Experimental Cahto lexical database (<https://web.archive.org/web/20160304084326/http://www.turtlenodes.com/calath/cgi-bin/dbsearch.cgi>)
- OLAC resources in and about the Kato language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/ktw>)
- Kato Bibliography (<http://www.mip.berkeley.edu/cilc/bibs/kato.html>)
- Kato basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (<http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\nde\pca&limit=-1>)

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